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THE VENEZUELA OUTLOOK.

The dispatch from Caracas stating
that President Castro is master of the
situation as far as the insurrection is
concerned, conveys good news. For
there is a suspicion that the rebels in
Venezuela have been aided by European
powers, in the hope that Castro would
be deposed and a president selected that
would fall in with the European policy.As long as President Castro has the
upper hand, there will be no necessity
for the United States to interfere, but
this country could certainly not consent
to foreign dictation in the affairs of
any of the Latin-American states. The
United States cannot consent to the
overthrow of the government by foreign
aid, and the turning over of Venezuela
to European influence. The revolution,
if successful, would be a serious men-
ace to the peace. It might bring about
a great war.Germany and Italy now are delaying
the negotiations, by advancing further
demands on Venezuela. Surely the two
allies are not so hard up financially
that they cannot wait for a settlement
until their claims are thoroughly in-
vestigated and found valid. When
they, however, constantly delay the ne-
gotiations, they evidently do so in the
hope that something may turn up, to
end them altogether. The overthrow of
President Castro by the rebels, would
have just that effect. It looks there-
fore as if the United States would have
to suggest the withdrawal of the for-
eign ships from the Venezuelan coast.
That would probably clear the atmos-
phere entirely. The rebels would then
know that they have nothing to ex-
pect from Europe. The so-called allies
would realize that they must arbitrate
their claims. The presence of the block-
ading fleet in Venezuela waters is also a
menace to the peace of this hemisphere.

THE IDEAL PAPER AGAIN.

Dr. Parkhurst is talking about estab-
lishing an "ideal newspaper." His
idea of such a newspaper he states as
follows:"The people want news—clean, whole-
some news, that will educate and ele-
vate them, not degrade them."
"My idea is to print facts, without
elaboration or embellishment, and to
print them for just what they are
worth, if they are printable. The point
of sensationalism to which the news of
the day is exploited in some newspapers
is simply disgusting and degrading."
"No suppression of real news is a
part of my plan, nor would I attempt
to provide a stupid daily newspaper,
but the sole purpose of it would not
be the making of profits."Our esteemed contemporary the Chi-
cago Record-Herald thinks that the
doctor needs millions and billions
to endow an ideal paper in New
York, intimating that it must from the
outset be considered a financial failure.
At the same time it claims that the
Record-Herald is the ideal paper, ac-
cording to Dr. Parkhurst's idea, and
that it is a great financial success."That is to say, our Chicago contem-
porary in one breath denies that the
ideal newspaper can be made a finan-
cial success and asserts that it has
been made so in Chicago. Why should
not New York be as good a field for an
"ideal" paper as Chicago is?"The "ideal" newspaper will come in
time. The literary chaff that now fills
so much space on the threshold floor of
modern thought, will be blown away in
due time, and only the wheat will re-
main. And it is not natural that the
churches should take an interest in
that matter. The "religious" press is
on the retreat. The next step is to
make the "secular" press what it ought
to be, not only from an intellectual, but
also from a moral point of view.

TURKS IN MACEDONIA.

Reports of outrages in Macedonia, and
the massing of Turkish troops on the
border, indicate that the situation in
that region is far from satisfactory.Recently the Bulgarian government
forwarded to the European capitals a
statement concerning alleged Turkish
misdeeds in Macedonia. The complaint
was founded on Macedonian state-
ments, which probably are not free
from exaggeration, but even when that
is admitted, the facts themselves are
bad enough. The charges comprise a
long list of tortures, murders, arson,
robberies and other crimes, with the
dates of their occurrence and other par-
ticulars. Consular reports from Con-
stantinople also state that in many Bul-
garian districts in the vilayet of Salonica
the Macedonian committee is vir-
tually the paramount authority. The
committee advises the peasants not to
pay taxes, and to appeal for its protec-
tion when menaced by the Turkish au-
thorities.Austria and Russia have agreed on a
plan of reforms that is to be urged at
Constantinople. It comprises the ap-
pointment of a governor, with the as-
sents of the powers, a reformed system
of taxation and paid officials and po-
lice-men, France and the other powers.
It is believed, have consented to this.
But the sultan is suspicious. He sees
in the proposed new regime for Mace-
donia its virtual withdrawal from his

government. European or Christian.

Islam applied to the administration of
Macedonia would be, besides, very
offensive to its Turkish inhabitants, to
say nothing of the neighboring Albanians,
who are fanatical Mohammedans.It is feared that the massing of
troops and the continuation of outrages
against the so-called Christians is the
real answer of the Turkish government,
to the demands for reform, whatever
the official reply will be. Further disor-
ders, it is feared, will ensue in the
spring. The settlement of the Mace-
donian question cannot be postponed
much longer. Something must be done,
even at the cost of a great war, if that
cannot be avoided.Turkey is crumbling to pieces, and
has been doing so for a century or
more, notwithstanding all efforts to
keep it intact. It has lost Crete, Bul-
garia, Tunis, Tripoli, Egypt, Cyprus,
and other territory. It is only a ques-
tion of time when the land invaded by
the hordes from Asia will be freed
from their presence forever. The pro-
cess of restoration is going on contin-
ually.

NOT FOR THE STAGE.

The Minnesota state board of pardon
has granted liberty to Thomas
Coleman Younger, who has been im-
prisoned for about 25 years for the part
he took in the famous Younger-James
raid and murder and bank robbery.But the pardon is not unconditional.
It is granted on two conditions, first,
that the prisoner go home to his friends
in Missouri and never return to Min-
nesota; and second, that he never go
on the stage, whether dime museum,
theater, opera or circus.This last condition is quite remark-
able. It expresses a correct prin-
ciple. A murderer is not a fit object
of public exhibitions anywhere. To
make him a drawing card at any kind
of a show can have none but bad ef-
fects. There are sure to be some who
will try to emulate the examples of
such characters, even though they are
known to be evil and lead to destruc-
tion.The board of pardon probably had no
fear that this old man would ever be
thinking of going on the stage. His
only desire now must be to live in se-
clusion and end his days in peace. But
the opportunity was well chosen for a
protest against the condemnable prac-
tice of some "managers" to get hold
of prize fighters, crooks, and disreput-
able characters and exhibit them. The
protest is much needed, though our
age boasts of being one of reason and
enlightenment above all previous ages.

A NEW LIBERAL PARTY.

A contributor to the Review of Re-
views predicts the resurrection in Great
Britain of a new liberal party, that will
convert the empire into a common-
wealth of federated states. What this
new party program will be, is summed
up as follows:(1) Sufficient food, at least equal to
the rations of criminals in jails. (2) A
decent home, at least equal, from a san-
itary point of view, to the stables in
which members of the House of Lords
keep their horses. (3) An education
good enough to enable the British work-
man to hold his own against his rivals
in Germany, the United States and
elsewhere. (4) An old age pension
which would relieve the veterans of in-
dustry from the haunting dread of the
workhouse. Among its other aims will
be (1) The acquisition at reasonable
price of all land within accessible dis-
tance from the great centers of popu-
lation. (2) The municipalization of
where the area is too wide for munici-
palization of all the natural monopoli-
es of services, such as gas, electricity,
water, transit, etc., and finally (3) A
graduated income tax.From this it is to be drawn
that this is Socialism as it works in
Great Britain, as in Germany, and
that it is strong enough to demand a
hearing. There is every indication that
that system must be put to the test.
It cannot be argued out of the way.

"AS TO SMOOT."

The Lincoln Daily Star of Feb. 4, in a
thoughtful editorial on the senatorial
election in Utah, refutes the anti-"Mormon"
charge that "an Apostle of the
"Mormon" Church is not a citizen of the
United States," having "forever sworn his
allegiance" and given it to "another
temporal government."To these false and malicious charges
the Star replies:"Presumably a man who allies him-
self with the Mormon Church does so
in the same way in which any other
individual casts his lot with any other
organization. The very marriage cer-
emony which unites the fates of the
bride and groom of any church or
order is an allegiance which recognizes
something higher and better than the
laws of man as the Supreme Authority,
and whether that authority is ap-
proached and paid homage to through
the Catholic, Protestant, Mohammedan
or Mormon creed, makes little differ-
ence, so long as the worshipper recog-
nizes and obeys the laws of his na-
tion and state, and if he yields obedi-
ence to these, the fact that by doing
so he has forewarned privileges which
his religion tells him are not harmful
or sinful, is more to his credit than
otherwise.""Every church has its lawmaking
body, whether it be called a synod,
conference, a sanhedrin or an assembly;
it has its interpreters of the moral
law, its tribunals and its tithing-gath-
ers, and every man who agrees to
submit to the discipline of a church
without asking whether or not he will
be asked or ordered to break the laws
of his country is as much an alien as
is Reed Smoot. No one asks such a
question, for it is taken for granted
that in America the law is supreme,
and that no church will attempt to
repel or evade it. Reed Smoot joins
a church, the members of which
believe in their inmost hearts that
polygamous marriages are not
forbidden in the Word, and that
therefore they are not forbidden in
the acts of man, but he yields obedi-
ence to these, the fact that by doing
so he has forewarned privileges which
his religion tells him are not harmful
or sinful, is more to his credit than
otherwise.""The wedding charge that can be sus-
tained against Smoot is that he believes
that he has the moral right to commit
what we consider to be a sin, and be-
side the charge comes the acquisition
of the Utah state, which he be-
lieved so, he did not do so, which
plainly shows that the law of his coun-
try, not of his church, has been the
deciding factor. That fact effectively
refutes Mr. Goodwin's charge that
Smoot owes allegiance only to Mor-

monism, and not to Americanism.

"Furthermore, what man has not
thought at times that this or that law
is wrong? Is not that written by the
editor every day in the year, and is it
not preached from the stump and in
the very temples of worship? Are not
all of the great reform movements, the
temperance cause, the woman's suf-
frage cause, and all of the proposed
laws for the betterment of humanity
grounded upon the absolute statement
that present laws are wrong and vicious?
Did the present temperance
worker kill a saloon-keeper, the auto-
matist arm himself and attempt to
shoot his way to the ballot box, and
then would be an anarchist, and did
Reed Smoot follow the example of
Roberts and form polygamous alli-
ances, he then would be an anarchist,
but so long as one believes a thing is
right, though others believe it is
wrong, and that is the sole charge
which may be brought against him, he
may take a seat in the senate, or in
any other assemblage of his fellow citi-
zens, and find men at either elbow less
worthy than he.""It was in the declaration of Inde-
pendence that our forefathers declared
that 'men are endowed by their Creator
with certain inalienable rights, and
that the Constitution calls a halt only
when any one individual insists upon
his rights to interpret the Divine Mes-
sages in his own way, and claim such
rights as may be looked upon as
favor by society in general, for further
along in that same Declaration, the
king is taken to task for having re-
fused to assent to laws that the whole-
some and necessary for the public
good.' If that is all that could be re-
quired of a monarch, could more be
asked of a plain, and apparently honest
and loyal citizen like Reed Smoot?
The verdict of all fair-minded men
must be that the charge against Smoot
contains his vindication, that the
statement that he is a law-breaker be-
cause he believes in things polygamy;
his fellowmen, but that out of re-
spect for the laws, he has refrained
from exercising those privileges which
he believes are granted to him by his
God, marks him not as a law-breaker,
nor as a disloyal subject, but as a man
whose respect for the laws and the
opinions of his fellow-citizens is most
commendable."

THE NEW YORK EVENING SUN QUOTES

Mr. W. P. O'Meara of this city, and
briefly comments as follows:"On the one hand we have Cardinal
Gibbons declaring that the present free-
dom of divorce is worse than polygamy;
and on the other we find a lot of enthusiasts
insisting that the Constitution be
amended so that the president may not
be embarrassed by the seating of the
duly elected new Senator from Utah.
Yet the Hon. Reed Smoot, while a Mor-
mon Apostle, has not and never has had
more than one wife. Mr. W. P. O'Meara,
a substantial citizen of Salt Lake City,
says of Mr. Smoot: 'He is an earnest
churchman, I'll admit; but he is honest,
intelligent and industrious. As an Ap-
ostle of the Mormon Church he lives his
religion as an Apostle should, but he is
not an advocate of polygamy and never
has been. No public man in all Utah
has more friends among the Gentiles
than he. From my point of view Reed
Smoot will acquire himself with credit
in the fair play. He is a gentleman,
a believer in fair play. He is not a
radical in anything, and all the hue
and cry raised in Utah comes from a few
disappointed office seekers and from
men who are never happy unless they
are exercising their hammers on the
reputations of men who outclass them
in everything that goes to make a good
citizen, such as Reed Smoot is.' So
that, quite apart from the difficulty
of amending the Constitution, the defen-
der of sound morality might find a bet-
ter use for their energy than by trying
to interfere with the right of a State
to choose a man to represent it in the
Senate."The dead bandit has been identified
again. Next.All things come to him who knows
how to work the ropes.The hand that rocks the cradle usually
gives the baby a shake.A round table is not necessary to
a round of dinner parties.If Mr. Rockefeller can show that the
Standard Oil company is a good trust,
"all will be forgiven."Press pictures of Cole Younger show
that he looks much older than younger
than he went to Stillwater.His resignation having been accepted,
Captain Hebron should lose no
time in consulting an oculist.Ex-Secretary Long should be pretty
nearly well by now, he having made
great gains for some days past."The post of honor is the private sta-
tion," said Jefferson. How few there
are who seek the genuine post of honor.Those Venezuelan revolutionists have
got to be defeated and killed again.
Seemingly they have more lives than a
cat.Should there be a break in the Ven-
ezuela negotiations the negotiators
should remember that it is never too
late to mend.Crown Princess Louise of Saxony has
taken refuge in a sanitarium. Hamlet
would have advised her that she get
her to a nunnery.While Mr. Cleveland is not explicit
as to whether or not he would accept
a nomination for the presidency the
general tenor of his reply shows that
his intentions are honorable.Mr. Bowen cannot accept the Ger-
man protocol. Baron Speck von Stern-
berg will scarcely imitate one of his
conferres and call this a "diplomatic
discrepancy."Foreign diplomats in gauging
American public feeling on any sub-
ject will do well to consider the state
of the weather at the time of making
their report, and also to remember as
Lowell says that there are several
spirits of the age. By so doing they
will be saved some embarrassments.The legislators will scarcely give su-
preme power over the police and fire
departments to the Mayor of Salt Lake
City. It is not a question of personal-
ity but of principle. The golden rule
may be relied upon to prevent any
such a wrong being perpetrated."Cannot the Board of Regents of the
University and the Board of Trustees
of the Agricultural College adjust any
differences there may be between the
two institutions without an appeal to
the Legislature? If the differences get
into the Legislature they may yet get
into the political arena."The State Constitution fixes the
school age from six to eighteen. It is
well defined and it would be folly to at-

tempt to lower it to a kindergarten age.

Strange as it may seem parents have
quite as much solicitude for the phys-
ical, mental and spiritual welfare of
their children as others have. Some
people do not seem to realize this.All this talk about fear of "Mormon"
influence in the territories applying for
admission to the Union is mere subter-
fuge, used for the purpose of keeping
them out. If that is the best reason that
can be urged for keeping them in ter-
ritorial vassalage it is no reason at all.
If there are honest objections let them
be put forth, but stop the demagogism
that rests on passion and prejudice."There has been a foolish law enact-
ed in Utah setting aside one day in
the year when every municipality and
individual are supposed to improve the
appearance of their properties. This is
much as though a person should fix on
a certain day as a time for taking an
annual bath," says the Kansas City
Star. No such law has been enacted by
the Legislature. But still an annual
bath is better than no bath at all. Mis-
souri practice and precedent to the
contrary notwithstanding.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR.

Klamath Republican.

Both branches of the Oregon legisla-
ture have passed the bill appropriating
\$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark ex-
position. This spirit of liberality and en-
terprise will doubtless inspire generous
donations on the part of other states
for the same purpose, and means much
for the success of the big fair.

Bohemia Nugget.

The Lewis and Clark appropriation
bill, asking for \$500,000, has passed both
houses and will become a law. If the
men who will have the handling of this
and other funds subscribed for the fair
are judicious and manage the business
as they would manage their private af-
fairs, the money will be well spent and
Oregon and the Pacific coast as well will
reap a rich reward on the investment.

Cathlamet Sun.

Nobody doubts for an instant that the
fair will result in great good to all the
Northwest. Perhaps Portland may suf-
fer most from the reflex action after
the fair two years will pass the time
for a time, for when a city situated as
Portland is, contains a population of
over 100,000, it will not down for an
epoch of time on account of any local
conditions arising, as for instance a
dullness following close upon the heels
of a world's fair. Let us advertise this
notable event in every way possible, for
in so doing we are advertising the state
and its boundless resources.

The Lewis and Clark Fair.

Nothing so important to the welfare
of Oregon in particular and the coast in
general could be proposed at this time
as the successful carrying out of this
great enterprise. Portland is full of
enthusiasm now who are seeking to take
advantage of the great opportunities
which will be afforded through the ex-
position. The additional price which
will be received by the people of Oregon
from the sale of the fair, and the ap-
propriation to the Lewis and Clark
exposition. We sincerely hope the peo-
ple of Oregon will all co-operate in an
effort to make the fair the greatest suc-
cess which it should and doubtless will be.

Oregon City Courier.

The Lewis and Clark fair is at last a
certainty. The people of Oregon are to
be congratulated with the good sense
with which the Oregon legislature acted
upon this question and made the ap-
propriation necessary to carry this
great work. With a decent appropria-
tion now by the federal government,
the board of fair managers will have at
their disposal some \$2,000,000 with which
to put on foot this great advertisement
of the resources of the Northwest
country. The fair should be and will
be a great success. The state of Ore-
gon will reap from its sowing a harvest
of benefit that will many times over
compensate it for the expenditure in
money it is now making. Every Ore-
gonian should now put his shoulder to
the wheel and do what he can to make
the Lewis and Clark fair the greatest
that has yet been held in the country.

Pendleton Tribune.

The great and wealthy state of Illi-
nois appropriated only \$500,000 for the
World's Fair in 1893, and Oregon do-
nates very nearly this amount when her
taxable valuation is nowhere in com-
parison with the state of Illinois. For
the Midwinter fair at San Francisco,
immediately following the World's Fair
at Chicago, California appropriated not
one cent. For the Southern Exposition
at Atlanta the state of Georgia donated
but \$18,000. Nebraska gave but \$125,000
for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at
Omaha in 1898. For the Pan-American
Exposition at Buffalo, New York, the
Empire State, gave but \$350,000. For
the Charleston Fair South Carolina ap-
propriated only \$50,000. For the Louisi-
ana Purchase Exposition the state of
Missouri has appropriated \$1,000,000.
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valuation and wealth Oregon has given
more in proportion than any other
state where a similar exposition has
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